

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS

RESOLUTION NO. R-23 -03

**INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN TOLLIVER
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A RESOLUTION concerning

Mosquito Control

FOR the purpose of stating the City's support for participation by interested Annapolis communities in the State's mosquito spray and management programs.

WHEREAS, Mosquitoes are responsible for more human death than any other living creature, causing over one-million deaths annually; and

WHEREAS, Mosquitoes also carry disease to animals, particularly dogs and horses, including heartworm and viruses such as encephalitis, yellow fever, and dengue; and

WHEREAS, West Nile Virus, carried by the Asian Bush mosquito, is an increasing threat, having caused deaths in the North and Mid-Atlantic states, including Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Annapolis has supported an integrated management approach to mosquito control, including such measures as removing standing water that provides a breeding environment, encouragement of natural predators, and other strategies to reduce the mosquito population; and

WHEREAS, Integrated pest management used in conjunction with pesticides is recommended as for effective control by such expert organizations as the Center for Disease Control, American Mosquito Control Association, and the Maryland Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maryland provides to interested Maryland communities pesticide spray using chemicals determined safe for human beings for mosquito control;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the

City Council endorses participation by interested communities in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's mosquito control program, including pesticide spray, provided that the community provides information and opportunity for households wishing to opt out of the program to do so;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THAT the City Clerk will provide a copy of this resolution to the Secretary, Maryland Department of Agriculture, and Secretary, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to indicate the interest of the City of Annapolis in participating in the State's pest control programs.

ADOPTED this 13th day of October, 2003.

ATTEST:

THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL

Deborah Heinbuch, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

BY: _____
ELLEN O. MOYER, MAYOR